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Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated January 9, 2007.

Claims 1-4 remain for consideration.

The Examiner's suggestions for clarifying the claims were quite good, very helpful and deeply appreciated. These suggestions have been implemented by the amendment herewith. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the -112 rejection is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are rejected as anticipated by Margiott et al (Margiott). Herewith is the Declaration of Paul R. Margiott who is an expert in fuel cell and related arts. Paragraph 5 of the Declaration establishes as prima facie fact that there is no turbocompressor in Margiott as required in claim 1. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4 over Margiott is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are rejected as anticipated by Keefer. Paragraph 6 of the Declaration establishes as prima facie fact that the only turbines in Keefer are driven by fuel effluent, not by oxidant effluent, and not by incoming fuel, as called for in claim 1.

Paragraphs 7-9 of the Declaration establish as prima facie fact that Keefer does not teach or suggest, at all, the language of the last paragraph of claim 1. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4 over Keefer is respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 6 are added to ensure that both alternatives (a) and (b) of claim 1 are considered in any further action.

To save the Examiner considerable time when this case is taken up, a short phone call is recommended should any issue herein still be unresolved. A few minutes on the phone could clarify a point, or result in a supplemental response which would further limit or dispose of issues. A five minute phone call can save the Examiner a lot of work. Such a phone call would be deeply appreciated.

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